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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: USAMI, Uzuhiko

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

1. I, Uzuhiko Usami, served as the chief ~~of the economic~~ Division of the China Affairs Board from December 1940 to October 1942 inclusive and thereafter from November 1942 as Director of the China Affairs Bureau of the Greater East Asia Ministry. In 1944 I was in Shanghai as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.
2. The Economic Division of the China Affairs Board was engaged in economic and financial matters in China concerning Japan including the supervision of the North China Development Company.
3. The North China Development Company was established pursuant to the North China Development Company Law which was enacted April 30, 1939. Its purpose was to co-ordinate and

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adjust the enterprise of its affiliated companies in North China by means of loans and investments thereto in order to speed up the economic development of North China. The North China Development Company was not an operating company.

4. By the provision of the North China Development Company Law and Cabinet Order (Naikaku Ko No. 272), relating to the supervision of this Company issued in 1938, the supervision of the North China Development Company was placed in the hands of the Japanese Government.

By the terms of this order all important matters relating to the company's structure, business and accounting were made subject to the approval of the Prime Minister, while reports were required to be made to him as to less important matters. Supervision of the North China Development Company was handled by the China Affairs Board of which the Prime Minister was concurrently president. The North China Liaison Section of the China Affairs Board in Peking handled the Board's activities in that district.

The North China Development Company in making loans or investments in an affiliated company, stipulated in the contract that all important matters pertaining to administration and accounting are subject to the approval of the North China Development Company. However, in accordance to law, any approval by the North China Development Company was subject to the approval of the China Affairs Board. The matters requiring

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assent of the lender are set out in the afore-mentioned Cabinet Order and relate to the general business planning of the borrower, including such activities as determining the kind and quantity of goods which it planned to produce, plan for the sale of such goods, the prices thereof, employment of labor required by the borrower and the wages of such employment, installation and enlargement of equipments, and matters requiring imports from Japan.

5. In the conduct of its business, the North China Development Company did not monopolize the investments and loans that were made to the affiliated companies. Other Japanese and Chinese Companies were also making loans or investments. If there was any affiliated company that exercised a business monopoly, it was not granted by the North China Development Company, the latter having nothing to do with the matter. The North China Development Company had no compulsory power over its affiliated company or any other company.

6. The North China Development Company had no power to establish and in fact never did establish any material mobilization plan for North China.

7. The enterprises, both Japanese and Chinese, in North China were affected and their program greatly curtailed by the warfare in China. The Japanese Armed Forces to further its own needs did seize and place under their own custody

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certain Chinese enterprises located in their occupied area. However, the Japanese Government and the North China Political Council (the Chinese Government in North China) were concerned not only with the earliest possible recovery or reversion of such enterprises but also with the earliest economic development of North China for the benefit of both countries.

This purpose is illustrated by the establishment of the North China Development Company by the Japanese Government and the promotion of the Sino-Japanese operating concerns as its affiliated Companies by the Chinese Affairs Board as well as the North China Political Council and by the introduction of Japanese capital, industrial technique and materials which were all combined together with the Chinese Capital and labor for economic development of North China. However, as the war covered a wide area of China including that of North China, it often happened that the needs of the Japanese Armed Forces in connection with their operations or the maintenance of public peace so adversely affected the business of the China Affairs Board, the North China Development Company and its affiliated companies that their program for the economic development of North China could not proceed as those of us who were engaged in purely economic matters would have desired.

8. The North China Development Company made no profit. Six percent per annum dividends were paid to private stock-holders only and this was able to do by obtaining subsidies from the Government.

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9. Approval of the North China Affairs Board was required on such matters of the North China Development Company and its affiliated companies, as in deciding or revising the regulations covering salaries, wages and allowances of their officers and employees. The China Affairs Board pursued a policy of avoiding payment of excessive compensations.

On this 23 day of Aug. 1947

At Tokyo

DEPONENT /s/ USAMI, Uzuhiro (seal)

I, TANAKA, Kodo hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this Witness.

On the same date

At Tokyo

Witness: /s/ TANAKA, Kodo (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/s/ USAMI, Uzuhiro (seal)

極東國際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國 其他

荒木貞夫 其他

宣誓供述書

供述者 宇佐美珍彦

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口 供 書

一 私宇佐美珍彦ハ一九四〇年十二月カラ一九四二年十月迄興亞院經濟部
長デアリマシタ。同年十一月大東亞省ノ支那事務局局長ニナリ、又一九
四四年ニハ特命全權公使トシテ上海ニ居リマシタ

二 興亞院經濟部ハ日本ノ關係スル支那ニ於ケル經濟金融ニ關スル事務ヲ
管掌シテオリマシタ、其ノ中ニハ北支那開發會社ノ監督事務モ含マレ
テオリマシタ

三 北支那開發株式會社ハ北支那開發株式會社法（一九三八年四月三十日
制定）ニ基イテ設立セラレタ會社デアリマシテ同會社自ラハ何等ノ事
業ノ經營ヲナサズ北支那ノ經濟開發ヲ促進セシムル目的ヲ以テ北支那
ノ關係會社ニ投資融資ヲシテ之ニヨツテ關係會社ノ業務ヲ統合調整ス
ルト云フ役目ヲ持ツタ會社デアリマス

四 北支那開發株式會社ノ監督ニツキマシテハ北支那開發株式會社法デ日
本政府ガ監督スルコトニ定メラレテオリ、ソシテ之ニ基イテ一九三八
年（昭和十三年）内閣々甲第二七二號會社監督ニ關スル命令ガ發セラ
レマシタ、之ノ命令ニヨリマスト結局會社ハ其ノ機構營業經理等ニ付
比較的重要ナル事項ハ總理大臣ノ認可ヲ經ナケレバナラヌコトニ
ナツテ居リ、又比較的重要デナイ事項ハ總理大臣ニ報告スルコトニナ

ツテ居リマス

右ノ監督ハ内閣總理大臣ガ其ノ總裁デアリマストコロノ興亞院デ之ヲ司
ドリマス、ソシテ北京ニ興亞院華北連絡部ガ設置セラレテ居リマシテソ
コデ現地ノ事務ヲ取扱ツテ居リマシタ

北支那開發會社ハ關係會社ニ投資融資スル際ニ當事者ノ間ノ合意ニヨツ
テ關係會社ノ業務上及經理上重要ナル事項ニ付北支那開發會社ノ承認ヲ
經ベキ旨ノ契約ヲ締結致シマスガ、其ノ契約ニ基イテ北支那開發會社ガ
關係會社ニ右ノ承認ヲ與ヘルニハ法令ニヨリ興亞院ノ認可ヲ要スルコト
ニナツテ居リマシタ

右ノ承認事項ハ前記ノ一九三八年内閣々甲第二七二號會計監督ニ關スル
命令ニ記載シテアリマスガ其ノ中關係會社ノ事業計畫等ニ關連シテ申シ
マスト關係會社ノ生産品ノ種類、數量、價格、販賣計畫勞務賃銀、設備
ノ新設擴張、日本ヨリ輸入スル資材等ニツキ承認ヲ要スルコトニナリマ
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五 北支那開發會社ハ其ノ業務タル投資融資ヲスルニ付テ何等獨占シマセヌ
他ノ日本若クハ中國ノ會社モ投資融資ヲシテオリマシタ又關係會社自體
トシテ偶々何等カ事業上ノ獨占權ヲ有スルモノガアリマシテモソレハ北
支那開發會社ニヨツテ與ヘラレタモノデナク何等ノ關係ハアリマセヌ

北支那開發會社ハ關係會社其他ニ對シ如何ナル強制權モ持ツテ居リマセ

六 北支那開發會社ハ北支ノ物動計畫ヲ樹立スルヨトハ其ノ權限モナク又實
際ニ於テモ行ツタコトハアリマセヌ

七 支那事變ニ於ケル戰亂ニヨリマシテ北支ニ於ケル日本人側ノ事業及中國
人側ノ事業ハ相當影響ヲ受ケテ進展ヲ阻害セラレマシタシ、又日本ノ軍
トシテ其ノ獨自ノ立場カラシテ領地内ノ中國側ノ事業ヲ一時接收シテ管
理シテオルモノモアリマシタ。日本政府トシテモ、又北支ノ中國政府タ
ル華北政務委員會トシテモ出來ル丈早ク此等ノ事業ヲ復舊若クハ復歸ス
ルノミナラス更ニ進ンデ日支双方ノ利益ノタメニ舊ニ幾倍シテ北支ノ經
濟ノ開發ヲ促進シタイト云フ希望ガ強ク存在シテ居リマシタ

日本側トシテ北支那開發會社ヲ設立シ又與亞院ガ北支政權タル華北政務
委員會ト共ニ日本ヨリ資本技術資材等ヲ導入シ支那側ノ資本勞務等ト相
俟ツテ日支合併ノ關係會社ノ設立ヲ促進シテ北支ノ經濟開發ニ當ラシメ
形樣ニナツタノモ結局右ノ現ハレノ一ツデアリマス然シナガラ他面ニ於
テ北支ヲ含ム中國ノ相當廣イ地域デ戰國ガ行ハレテ居リマスノデ日本ノ
軍トシテ其ノ作戰若クハ治安維持ノ目的ノタメニ與亞院北支那開發會社
關係會社等ノ仕事ツ上ニ種々影響ヲ與ヘテ參ツタ機ナコトモ屢々アリマシタ、經

濟開發ノ促進ガ理想通りニ運用出來ナイ場合ノアツタコトハ我々純然タル經濟方面ノ仕事ニ關係シテ居ルモノノ當時ノ個ノ一ツデアリマシタ
八、北支那開發會社ハ殆ド利益ト云フホドノモノハ舉ツテ居ラス日本政府カラノ補給金ニヨツテ辛ジテ政府ノ特株以外ノ一般株主ニ對シテ年六分ノ配當チナスコトガ出來タ狀態デアリマシタ
九、北支那開發株式會社及關係會社ノ役員及従業員ノ給與規定ヲ定メ、若クハ變更スルニ付テハ矢張り興亞院ノ承認ヲ受クルコトトナツテオリ嚴重ニ過大ニナラヌ様ニ方針ガトラレテオリマシタ

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）八月二十三日 於東京

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同 日 於 東京

立 會 人

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